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The Major Events of the Day

International

A compromise agreement reached last night by the United Nations Security Council extended the mandate of the international peace-keeping force between Israel and Syria on the Golan Heights for six months and paved the way for the Palestine Liberation Organization to participate in talks on the overall Middle East situation that will be held by the Council in January. [Page 1, Column 8.]

A noted leftist labor leader in Spain, Marcelino Camacho Abad, who was freed under an amnesty decree by King Juan Carlos I, said that he would not recognize the legitimacy of the monarchy until the Spanish people had been freely consulted and given their consent. An organizer of clandestine workers commissions, he said defiantly that he would continue his activities. He acknowledged that this might put him back in prison, where he had spent nearly nine years. He was released with several other political prisoners. One of them, speaking to newsmen, said of the number of prisoners expected to be freed: "It is just a drop in the ocean of repression." [1:6-7.]

After an overnight stay in Alaska, President Ford flew to China to expand the "new relationship" between the United States and China begun more than three years ago when former President Richard M. Nixon visited China. Air Force One was scheduled to arrive at the Peking airport at 2 A.M. New York time. Mr. Ford will rest a day and will not see Chairman Mao Tse-tung until tomorrow or Wednesday. [1:4.]

Iran and the Soviet Union completed a 20-year agreement under which a 1,000-mile natural gas pipeline will be built from Iran to the Soviet Union, carrying 13.4 billion cubic meters of Iranian gas annually. The gas will be consumed in the Soviet Union and, under the agreement, the Soviet Union will pipe a similar amount of gas westward for sale in West Germany, Austria and France. [1:5.]

National

The Democratic mayors of many of the nation's principal cities adopted an urban policy that they will propose as a plank of the Democratic Party platform in the 1976 Presidential campaign. They want increased Federal aid to cities; a number of economic

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reforms, and the setting of regional tax bases to help cities make up the loss of tax revenues resulting from the movement of residents and businesses to the suburbs. The policy statement was ratified by the mayors, including Mayor Beame of New York, at the National League of Cities' annual meeting in Miami Beach. [1:3.]

Metropolitan

Because of its financial troubles, New York City has quietly dropped its plan to buy and raze rundown business buildings abutting Yankee Stadium and is using part of the savings, \$300,000, to buy equipment for the Yankee baseball team. Upgrading the neighborhood around the stadium had been one of the major selling points for the stadium's remodeling three years ago when the Yankees threatened to leave New York. Direct costs of the stadium's rehabilitation have risen to \$75 million, three times what the public was told they would be in 1972. Indirect costs for such things as parking space, interest and tax exemption may add \$150 million to the bill over the next 31 years. [1:1-2.]

Lincoln Center has completed two years of research and experimentation with the techniques needed to bring live performances of opera, ballet, concerts and play to television audiences throughout the country. All that remains is finding a television outlet. The most likely channels, according to Lincoln Center officials, would be on public television and Home Box Office, the pay system on cable TV. It is taken for granted that Lincoln Center performances would not have the mass appeal of football and other sports and their commercial sponsorship. [1:1-2.]

A "nonpartisan" estimate of the size of the state budget deficit will be the first step in Governor Carey's plan to sell a package of taxes and spending cuts to the special session of the Legislature when it reconvenes Wednesday, the Governor's aides said. The determination will be made by State Comptroller Arthur Levitt, a Democrat, whose long tenure, awesome voter support and, in recent years, unwillingness to be bound by party constraints, have given him an above-politics aura. "I'm getting up the numbers," Mr. Levitt said. "I would expect them to be ready in advance of the session." [3:3-8.]

Quotation of the Day

"I can't think of anything I'd rather be doing than serving as president of the museum. I have a personal weakness for fish and birds; I'm nuts for fossil, and I have a healthy respect for poisonous snakes."—Robert G. Goeliet, new president of the American Museum of Natural History. [1:5-3.]

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